

1 SENATE BILL NO. 148

2 INTRODUCED BY B. GILLESPIE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WILLIAM MCCAULEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE
5 IN GLACIER COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AT
6 THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL BRIDGE ON THE NEXT STATE HIGHWAY MAP; AND
7 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 WHEREAS, citizens of the town of Cut Bank first envisioned a railroad overpass to better connect their
10 town and the surrounding area beginning in 1939, which got the attention of state transportation officials in
11 1969 and officially became the Glacier County Commission's top transportation priority in 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, William McCauley Sr. was a tireless advocate for an overpass for the majority of two
13 decades, as former mayor of Cut Bank, founder of Glacier Action and Involvement Now, director of the
14 chamber of commerce, and member of the city-county planning board, Sweetgrass Development, and Glacier
15 County Regional Port Authority; and

16 WHEREAS, William McCauley Sr. attended years of meetings and hearings on the overpass project,
17 discussing the project with local, county, and state officials, the public, and members of Congress; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2012, crews completed a bridge on Montana state highway 213 from the intersection
19 with U.S. highway 2 and over the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks, which has reduced potential
20 motorist and pedestrian conflicts, improved emergency response times, provided a continuous travel route
21 through the town of Cut Bank, and reduced out-of-direction travel caused by trains blocking railroad tracks; and

22 WHEREAS, William McCauley Sr. impacted the town of Cut Bank in many other ways, as a local
23 business owner, a local sports booster, and a member of many other community and social organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, the 67th Legislature of the State of Montana wishes to honor his memory and civic
25 commitment.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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1 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. William McCauley Sr. memorial bridge.** (1) There is established the
2 William McCauley Sr. memorial bridge on the existing Montana state highway 213 at mile 0.

3 (2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the William
4 McCauley Sr. memorial bridge.

5 (3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to include the location of the William
6 McCauley Sr. memorial bridge when the department updates and publishes the state maps.

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
9 integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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